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For: WEB HAVING DISCRETE STEM REGIONS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Washington D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11 September 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

In specific embodiments of the invention, the discrete regions 14 cover between 20 and 80 percent of the surface of the web 10 on which they are positioned. In other embodiments, the discrete regions 14 cover between 1 and 99 percent, between 5 and 70 percent, between 10 and 50 percent, or between 5 and 25 percent of the surface of the web 10 on which they are positioned. The discrete regions 14 may be separated from one another by various distances. For example, the regions 14 may be separated by an average of approximately 0.05 and 30 centimeters; or by an average of between 1 and 4 centimeters. In certain